

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A media player comprising:
 - a high definition output terminal configured to communicate a high definition video signal to a high definition display;
 - at least one port configured to receive portably-stored content from a portable storage device; and
 - a controller coupled to the at least one port and to the high definition output terminal, the controller configured to select an image file from the portably-stored content and to generate at least a portion of a high definition image on the high definition display.
2. The media player of claim 1 further comprising a screen saver module configured to monitor the high definition video signal.
3. The media player of claim 2 wherein the screen saver module communicates one or more screen saver images for presentation on the high definition display when the high definition video signal is substantially absent.
4. The media player of claim 2 wherein the screen saver module communicates one or more screen saver images for presentation on the high definition display when a degree of motion associated with the portion of the high definition image is outside a range of motion.
5. The media player of claim 4 wherein the range of motion is defined by a number of pixels associated with the portion of the high definition image, each of the number of pixels sufficiently depicting motion.
6. The media player of claim 1 further comprising a media insertion manager module configured to automatically present the portion of the high definition image after the image file is discovered.



7. The media player of claim 6 wherein the image file is an auto-run file.
8. The media player of claim 1 further comprising a light sensor module configured to detect a level of brightness and selectively alter characteristics of the high definition image.
9. The media player of claim 1 further comprising a view orientation manager module configured to orient the display of the high definition image.
10. The media player of claim 1 further comprising a thumbnail resolution manager module configured to reduce the amount of data required to present a miniaturized high definition image.
11. The media player of claim 1 further comprising a smart display manager module configured to minimize an amount of space not used to display the high definition image.
12. The media player of claim 1 wherein the portable storage device is a compact flash card.
13. A method of presenting a high definition image comprising:
 - detecting the presence of portably-stored content;
 - determining whether one or more media files of the portably-stored content are auto-run media files;
 - identifying that the one or more media files are auto-run media files; and
 - presenting on a high definition display at least one high definition image associated with the one or more media files.
14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:
 - identifying that no media file of the portably-stored content is an auto-run media file; and
 - presenting on the high definition display at least one high definition image of the portably-stored content if the portably-stored content includes only image files.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising presenting audio to a user with one or more other high definition images on the high definition display if the portably-stored content includes only audio files.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the one or more other high definition images are programmatically generated by a visualizer.

17. The method of claim 15 further comprising:
identifying a mix of image and audio files of the portably-stored content; and
presenting a task view user interface on the high definition display.

18. The method of claim 13 further comprising:
receiving a user input;
aborting the presentation of the at least one high definition image; and
presenting a task view user interface on the high definition display.

19. The method of claim 18 further comprising:
selecting to browse the at least one high definition image;
adjusting a number of pixels constituting the at least one high definition image; and
generating a thumbnail representation from the adjusted number of pixels.

20. The method of claim 13 further comprising adjusting a dimension of the at least one high definition image to reduce an unused amount of the high definition display.

21. The method of claim 13 further comprising rotating the at least one high definition image.

22. A media player for presenting images on a high definition television screen comprising:
means for receiving a portable storage device including at least one media file designated as an auto-run file;
means for generating a high definition output video signal to present one or more screen saver images on the high definition television screen; and

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means for presenting on the high definition television screen a high definition image from the portable storage device.

23. The media player of claim 22 further comprising means of adjusting a brightness level of the high definition display in response to an amount of light illuminating the environment of the high definition television screen.

24. The media player of claim 22 wherein the means for presenting further comprises means for performing a slideshow including the high definition image and other high definition images, wherein at least one of the high definition image and the other high definition images is presented having a first portion depicted as having no motion and a second portion depicted as having motion.

25. The media player of claim 22 further comprising a view orientation means to present the high definition image in an optimal orientation, the view orientation means including:

means for detecting an indicator that specifies the view orientation of the high definition image;

means for orientating the high definition image in accordance with the indicator; and

if no indicator is detected, means for presenting a user interface to accept inputs to orientate the view.

26. A system for displaying electronic art comprising:

a high definition ("HD") display; and

a HD media player coupled to the HD display and configured to receive portably stored content on a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium including

instructions for generating a first HD video on the HD display,

instructions for generating a second HD video on the HD display,

instructions for generating an overlaid animation,



instructions for providing an event indicator to indicate that an event associated with the overlaid animation has occurred, and

instructions for switching from the first HD video to the second HD video upon detecting the event indicator.

27. The system of claim 26 wherein overlaid animation is a clock.

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